MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAINS ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Held on Wednesday 27 August 2014 within Douglas Academy Room F118 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Committee – Mr J Kerr, Mrs E Gibson, Ms J Horn, Mrs R Hooper, Mr B Mandeville & Mrs H McFadyen In attendance – Community Warden Mrs M Archibald

Apologies

Mrs F McNeish, Mr L Robertson and Cllrs Gotts and Henry

Chairperson's Opening Remarks

JK welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that all had enjoyed a good summer.

Police Report

No police attended

Environmental Wardens' Report

MA advised that the Community Wardens were now totally staffed at 8 people. Parking is now 50% of their workload and visits are being carried out to raise awareness. This includes preparation for the next phase of parking regulations in EDC car parks next year. This will involve parking for the first 2 hours being free and then a charge will be made for every hour after that. MA took some questions from committee members and one common issue was the entrance to the Douglas Street car park being narrowed down to one car's width in and out, due to inconsiderate parking. This may be a police issue at the moment. MA also advised that there will be a further dog fouling initiative with early morning visits being paid to various areas. MERA also passed on thanks for the efforts of MA and colleagues regarding a dog fouling issue on the estate and in particular a letter of thanks from a resident affected.

Minutes of Meeting on 16 April 2014

Proposed by JH and seconded by EG

Matters Arising

The Ramblers have advised that they will carry out a further path maintenance day on 27 September 2014 when the signs designed by local schoolchildren will be erected. Volunteers are required again for the maintenance works.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is £4949.52. EG advised that following distribution of the newsletter so far 121 subs. had been received.

Website/Facebook Update

LR reported that there had been an increase in the activity of those "liking" the Facebook page and circulating amongst others. HMcF also confirmed this. It is hoped that we can build on this and LR will continue to circulate info.

Community Council Update

RH had already circulated the Open Space Strategy information and the CC had been requested to include our comments. RH also advised that on 3 September MCC would be encouraging members of the public to attend their meeting at the Fraser Centre at 7pm as a representative from the NHS would be coming along to advise on the new procedures for attending the new Southern General and advising on the shutting down of services from the Western, Yorkhill etc.

Residential Matters

Parking around the estate is being raised and in particular incidents of inconsiderate parking whereby street signs are being blocked, pavements cannot be walked along, parking on corners blocking lines of sight. As we did not have an attendance by the police, we shall carry this forward and meantime get information to hopefully e-mail to the police.

<u>AOCB</u>

We have received an offer of help onto the committee from Mr Diamond and JK will follow through with this. We agreed that we would change our start time to 7 pm for the next couple of meetings through the winter months.

<u>Correspondence</u>

RH advised that she would circulate the EDC survey on EDLC facilities.

Date of Next Meeting

8 October and 26 November 2014 (starting at 7 p.m.)